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PROGRAM

The annual spring meeting, March 23-24, 1945.
At the Mabel Smyth Memorial Building.

Friday

Registration	3:00-3:30
Reference Section	3:30

Miss Charlotta Hoskins, chairman. Mr. Alvin Smith of the Mercantile Reference Service will discuss the kinds of reference work they do there and the types of reference books used by them.

Hawaiian Section 4:30

Bernice Judd, chairman.

Hawaii: Link between two worlds will be discussed.

I. Hawaii: Asiatic outpost, by Margaret Titcomb, Librarian of the Bishop Museum.

II. Hawaii: Pacific trading post, by Bernice Judd, Librarian of the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society.

III. Hawaii: American outpost, by Ruth Birnie, Librarian at Fort Armstrong.

Dinner 6:00

Mr. Bradford Smith, head of the O.W.I. in Hawaii will speak on their work in the Pacific.

Saturday

Registration	2:00
Business meeting	2:15
Election of Officers	
Children's Section	3:00

Mrs. Lucinda King, chairman.

There will be a discussion on The Evaluation of Recent Children's Books, and the Summer Workshop for School Librarians.

Extension Section 4:00

Mrs. Laura Sutherland, chairman.

Mrs. Welsh, Mrs. Mounts and Mrs. Hadley will tell about the Extension work on their islands.

Mrs. Sutherland will give a brief history of the Extension work of the Library of Hawaii

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

For the year 1944-45

Now that the time has come for us to close our books for the year it might be well to take stock of what has been accomplished. The aim of your Board has been to keep the Association the going concern it has become in the past few years and to gather momentum for the future. In order to do this it was felt that more active participation by more members in the Association should be our aim for the year. It was decided to revive the sections that needed it and create more if necessary. The Children's Section was complete with its own elected officers. Janet Bell was asked to call those interested in Hawaiiana together, Charlotta Hoskins was asked to start the Reference Section and Mrs. Faulkner the Secondary School Section. Each section decided on a project for the year which they have worked throughout the year and will probably continue into another year.

The Hawaii Library Journal was started to keep the Association members in touch with what was going on in other libraries. The chance of exchanging ideas with each other has been slim as everyone is working under pressure. Eloise Winstedt has been the editor for the year and has worked hard to make it the success it is.

At the two day fall meeting the turnout was good and we had many interesting comments from those participating. Mr. Hackett of Central Union Church speech on "Libraries I have known" was enjoyed by those who stayed for the dinner.

The Board didn't meet again until 1945 when plans for the Spring meeting were perfected and carried out.

It is through the able and enthusiastic leadership of the section chairmen and the Board members that this year has come to a successful conclusion. I wish to thank the officers, Board members, section chairmen and members of the Association for their generous cooperation during the entire year.

No report would be complete without mention of the unsung heroes Gladys Iseki, Constance Wong and Jane Suganuma, who have cut the stencils, done the mimeographing and mailing of the Journal and Current Hawaiiana.

Respectfully submitted,

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SECTION REPORTS

HAWAIIANA SECTION

Hawaiiana librarians have wished for something like Current Hawaiiana for years. As far as we know, nothing as comprehensive has ever been done. Mrs. White of Kauai brought matters to a head at the spring HLA meeting by a suggestion from Mrs. Hadley that Honolulu librarians should help the outside island librarians keep up on material published in Honolulu. The Hawaiiana section began to work on the idea knowing that there was certainly a great need and not only in the territory.

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The first volume has been completed (June 1944-March 1945) and although there is great room for improvement, everyone interested in Hawaiiana has found our efforts useful. We sent the first issue to and have had requests from a number of organizations, among which are:

American Antiquarian Society
Claremont College
Hawaii War Records Depository
Huntington Library
University of California
Stanford University Library

A few organizations and people have written, asking for it, that did not receive the first number. Among them are:

Bryan, Edwin H.
Hawaii Equal Rights Commission
Pan American Airways (Honolulu and San Francisco offices)
Phillips, James Tice
U. S. Office of war management

We now have a mailing list of seventy-seven without any local publicity beyond the HLA (twenty-eight get mailed outside, forty-nine in the Territory).

We were pleased to find Current Hawaiiana listed in the notes and announcements in H. W. Wilson's Readers' Guide (Jan. 10, 1945); Industrial Arts Index (Dec. 1944); Bibliography Index (Dec. 1944). In the first two, it is listed as "Published by the Association, Library of Hawaii" which, I have written to correct.

REFERENCE AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION

The Territory of Hawaii, and Honolulu in particular, is relatively rich in materials for research. These materials are housed in diverse libraries, each operating independently of the other, and in the cases of the special libraries, with concentration on specific kinds of research. The two major general reference libraries supplement and complement these several special collections.

In order to assure the best use by the most people of all of these resources, the librarians of the reference and research libraries met together last May to discuss ways of acquainting themselves with the work and materials of the others' libraries and to observe ways to make a concerted effort toward the best service. Most of the advantages of such a pooling of information and of such cooperation are self-evident, of course. Expenditure of staff time, of books funds, of the patron's time, are all minimized when a research problem can be directed to the individual collection which handles his particular sort of problem as a specialty. No library can contain the materials needed for answering every question, but if every reference librarian knows when and where to apply outside his library for information that cannot be found in it, that material is very readily located.

There has been extant for some years a Union List of Serials in Libraries of Honolulu. This list, imperfect to begin with, has fallen into a state of disrepair which has made it unreliable in the extreme. Recognizing the need for correcting and perfecting this list, and the great benefits which would accrue to them all in doing so, the Reference and Special Libraries Section undertook each to work over his own list of holdings, to correct and bring up to date the entries in the existing Union List, and to keep current his information. The perfected list will undoubtedly be unrealizable for some time to come, but each contributing library is at present working on it to the best of its ability, with the hope for greater measures toward improvement in future.

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The Union List of Serials in Libraries of Honolulu is the first concrete project of the Reference and Special Libraries Section. The major project, abstract though it is, is the sympathetic and informed aid each of the separate and special libraries offers the other.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

The Children's Section of the Hawaii Library Association has met regularly and profitably under the leadership of Mrs. Lucinda King during the past year. The theme was set when the first meeting in May was devoted to "Guides to Children's Reading" which was followed by three meetings devoted to the review and examination of the books listed in the 1942-44 Supplement to the Children's Catalog. Mrs. Kerley was hostess at Lincoln School Library for one meeting and Mrs. Geiser at Teachers' College Training School Library for another.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTION

The Secondary School Librarians decided not to organize formerly as most of the members were interested in other sections. Miss Grennvile Hatch was section leader at the fall meeting at which time they passed the following resolution.

1. That a school Library Supervisor, graduate of an accredited library school, with school library experience be appointed by the Department of Public Instruction.

2. That centralized cataloguing of the school libraries be set up within the department.

3. That clerical help be utilized to handle the textbook collections.

Copies of the Resolution were sent to Mr. Long, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Dr. Arthur L. Dean, chairman of the Commissioners of Public Instruction. Dr. Dean replied that it was too late to do anything about the above recommendations this year as the budget was in the hands of the Budget Director but that he would take up the matter in the next meeting. This looks like a good project for next year.

N E W S N O T E S

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

The University Library has begun the policy of issuing each month a mimeographed list of its periodicals and other serials in some particular field or group of related fields. The first of these lists, issued February 5th, shows what periodicals this library has (with the extent of the back files) in the fields of economics and business. The second list, to be issued on March 5th, will be devoted to periodicals and serials in medical science and such related fields as physiology, hygiene, nursing, public health, nutrition, and bacteriology. Other lists are planned for education, government, philosophy and religion, Pacific affairs, sociology and social work, agricultural science, chemistry, engineering, and other fields.

Credit for the preparation of these lists belongs to Miss Barbara Baker, assistant in the reference and circulation department of the University Library.

As the lists are issued, copies will be mailed to all public libraries in the Territory. Any other library interested can receive the series of lists by sending a request to the University librarian.

Periodicals in the University Library, with the exception of current numbers, may be borrowed by any other library in the Territory for a period of two weeks and may be renewed for another two weeks.

Dr. Lentz, head of the Legislative Reference Library has taken his office and staff down to Iolani Palace for the duration of the Legislature.

Dr. Marder's course in Western Culture of the 16th and 17th century school of painting had an exhibit of pictures of that period in the Library from March 8-15th.

The Senior class from Punahou who were working on their senior themes have been using the University library as their class room during their English periods. Many of them have chosen different Hawaiian subjects so the Hawaiiana section has been busy working with them.

H. S. P. A.

Martha Weber, cataloguer from the Hawaiian Sugar Planter's Association Experiment Station Library has resigned to follow her husband to Los Angeles, where he will be assistant manager of the Los Angeles Civil Service office. Martha will be leaving as soon as she can but she would like to find someone to take her place so she won't leave Miss Frasier in the lurch.

The Hawaiian Sugar Planter's Association Experiment Station is celebrating its 50th anniversary April 2, 1945. During that week the public is invited to call and inspect the Station and Library.

BISHOP MUSEUM LIBRARY

Margaret Titcomb reports that they have just added two new files of Scientific Journals that they have wanted for some time. They had a few scattered numbers of each before.

HAWAII COUNTY LIBRARY

A new reading room is being opened in the Waikea district under the supervision of the Waikea Settlement. It is to be open three nights a week and Saturday mornings to start with. We are teaching a young woman from that district how to circulate the books and keep the records, and the P.T.A. have agreed to see that the room is properly supervised. The reading room is to be located in the former Japanese language school of that locality and the books are all being supplied by the Hawaii County Library. The collection will include reference books as well as books of a popular nature for children of all ages.

The Post War Planning Commission has recommended the appropriation of $335,000 for a new library building in Hilo, also an appropriation for a new branch building for Kona, to be located at Kealakekua.

Our book truck which has been in continuous use for over fourteen years, with the exception of the two years it was loaned to the Army, has been withdrawn from service for an indefinite period. The reason for this action is not, as has been rumoured in certain quarters, a gesture to prod the legislature, but the simple fact is that we have not got the help to swing it. We are still two persons short since the beginning of the war and until these two professional positions are filled we will be forced to continue to fly along on one wing.

KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS

Since the war the Girls School in its entirety has been taken over by the Army hospital. The Girls School has moved into two of the boys dormitories and classrooms have been held in erstwhile basements and lounges. Also the Boys School classrooms have been shared by the girls.

The Girls School Library has been divided between four classrooms and books are circulated to the girls from these classroom libraries. The boys boarders have doubled up their living quarters and now occupy four of the six

dormitories. The Boys School Library has been shared by both boys and girls. In spite of this the enrollments this year has increased about 33%. This increase has been handled by having many of the students become day scholars.

The school is also experiencing a stepped up vocational program which has meant a development in that classification in the Library collection.

HAWAIIAN MISSION CHILDREN'S SOCIETY LIBRARY

The most exciting event during the year was the re-discovery of the original constitution and register of the American Mission Church, organized in Boston in 1819 before the Pioneer Company sailed. This rare manuscript, now dark with age, contains the signatures of nearly all the missionaries until 1855 and is therefore one of the most important documents in the mission history of these islands.

Some additional translations of old letters in Hawaiian (one dated as early as 1828) indicate anew the rich material in the Society's files, which when finally put in order will prove an invaluable source to anyone doing serious research in that period.

LIBRARY OF HAWAII

Eva Blood returned to work January 2, 1945, after a year's sabbatical leave. While she was away Eva took a musical therapy course but didn't have much time to do the practical work before she got her call to return to Hawaii. She visited New York Public Library, Chicago, Portland and several other large libraries in her travels but feels that we in Hawaii are giving better service.

Pat Montgomery left suddenly just after Christmas to go home as her husband was to go down under. Miss Ruth Budd of the Manzanar Relocation Center has been hired for the position but when she will arrive is in the laps of the gods.

Irmgard Hormann has returned to the Kaimuki Library and Ellen Le Bourdais is now helping Extension by going out on the Book Car twice a week.

The Castle Foundation gave the Library $250.00 for technical magazine. Mabel Jackson made out the list which will include the majority of those in the Industrial Arts Index. This is to be a yearly donation.

The Art & Music division is putting on a Victrola concert every Tuesday noon in the patio which is proving popular with the service boys.

The magazine division has a new electric drill to put the holes in the magazines for threading which was formerly done by hand. The termites have requested the use of it during the evening hours.

MAUI COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

Mrs. Juliet Davis is having a vacation on the mainland to recuperate from her recent illness. Mrs. Hester Mounts is carrying on while Mrs. Davis is away.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Just before the March Board meeting the President received a letter from the A.L.A. which acquainted us with the fact that the Association wants to maintain a library representative in Washington to carry on a national public relation's program supporting the development of good library service for all citizens. They are raising $105,000 and have assigned a proportionate share which is to be raised in direct campaign during the month of April. The goal set for Hawaii is $200. They are inviting us to join in this campaign by confirming the goal

and appointing a director to handle the campaign in Hawaii. What is your reaction to this move?

L A T E N E W S

It is a Saint Patrick's baby the son of Charles and Eloise Winstedt. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 11 oz. stripped and will fight under the name of John Camr.

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